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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

This settlement is important to our economy. Our country must move on. As I am happily using the new Microsoft XP, I can only further express my concern regarding the delay in the settlement's approval. Of course, I release that much of the current delay is due to legal requirements, including the public comment period required under the Tunney Act, during which time I am writing now.

As I review the terms of the settlement, it seems that Microsoft is making a concerted effort to make beneficial changes in licensing and marketing of its world-renowned software. While it seems evident that the settlement only benefits all involved, I do not understand why there would be any further action taken on the Federal level. Why tie up tight budgets fighting a battle that has already been settled well? Better to peaceably resolved disputes at relatively low cost and with a good spirit created, than to litigate disputes at high expense with only smoldering rancor created.

As our economy is challenged, let us help promote the competitive nature of America, and help foster

America's economic growth. Let's get back to business, and let the American IT industry help us get back on our feet. I thank you for your support of the settlement.

Sincerely,

Dean Barrere